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FOR CHAIRMAN EILBERG FROM AMBASSADOR EAGLEBURGER

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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV VIEWS ON INTERPOL

1. SINCE OUR DISCUSSION WEDNESDAY ABOUT EMBASSY'S  
PURSUING THE INTERPOL QUESTION WITH OFFICIALS HERE,  
I HAVE LEARNED THAT IMMEDIATELY AFTER OUR AUGUST 9  
MEETING WITH YUGOSLAV SECRETARY FOR INTERNAL AFFAIRS  
HERLJEVIC, ALEXANDER COOK OF YOUR SUBCOMMITTEE STAFF  
AND EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER KLEMP HAD A DISCUSSION  
WITH GAZAPI AND MATOVIC OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS ABOUT  
INTERPOL, WHICH LASTED MORE THAN AN HOUR. FOLLOWING  
IS SUMMARY OF THAT MEETING.

2. BEGIN SUMMARY. GAZAPI SAID YUGOSLAVIA HAS FROM  
30-50 CASES MONTHLY INVOLVING INTERNATIONAL  
COOPERATION THROUGH INTERPOL. THIS FIGURE INCLUDES  
SUCH CONTACTS AS TELEPHONE REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION.  
40-50 CASES ANNUALLY INVOLVE MORE DIRECT  
COOPERATION. OF THESE, 30-40 INVOLVE RETURN TO  
YUGOSLAVIA FOR TRIAL OF YUGOSLAV NATIONALS WHO HAVE  
COMMITTED CRIMES, THE MOST COMMON ONE BEING THEFT.  
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ANOTHER 5-10 ENTAIL BRINGING TO JUSTICE FOREIGN  
CRIMINALS WHO HAVE FLED TO YUGOSLAVIA. YUGOSLAV  
INTERPOL WORKS CLOSELY WITH THE NATIONAL BUREAUS  
OF MOST OF THE WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. AS AN  
EXAMPLE OF THE SORT OF COOPERATION UNDERTAKEN  
GAZAPI CITED ONE CASE IN WHICH UK POLICE FOUND A  
SUSPECT WHO HAD FLED TO YUGOSLAVIA; AFTER INTERPOL

HERE VERIFIED THE SUSPECT'S PRESENCE, UK POLICE  
CAME TO YUGOSLAVIA, PARTICIPATED IN FURTHER  
INVESTIGATION AND ARREST WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES.  
BOTH MATOVIC AND GAZAPI SAID IN THEIR ESTIMATION  
INTERPOL WAS INDISPENSABLE IN CRIME FIGHTING, ESPECIALLY  
IN EUROPE WHERE THE EXISTENCE OF SO MANY NATIONAL  
BORDERS WOULD OTHERWISE THROW UP NEARLY IMPASSABLE  
BARRIERS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT. ALSO EXPRESSED VIEW  
INTERPOL PARTICULARLY VALUABLE IN EFFORT TO HALT DRUG  
TRAFFIC AND SMUGGLING. YUGOSLAVS WERE VERY CONCERNED  
ABOUT YOUR REMARKS DURING HERLJEVIC MEETING RE  
INTERPOL, ASKED COOK ABOUT SOURCE OF YOUR  
DOUBTS AND WHAT ALTERNATIVE YOU CONTEMPLATED IF INTERPOL  
WERE TO BE ABOLISHED. AT END OF MEETING GAZAPI SUMMED  
UP THAT THE GOY SUPPORTS INTERPOL AND BELIEVES IT TO BE OF  
GREAT VALUE. EVEN IF IT DOES HAVE SOME MINOR DEFICIENCIES,  
HE SAID, IT IS BETTER TO WORK TO PERFECT THE EXISTING  
ORGANIZATION THAN TO TRY TO INVENT A NEW ONE. MATOVIC  
ADDED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NUMEROUS SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED  
CASES IN HIS OWN EXPERIENCE WHICH COULD NEVER HAVE BEEN SOLVED  
WITHOUT THE MECHANISM OF INTERPOL. END SUMMARY.

3. I UNDERSTAND COOK TOOK COMPLETE NOTES ON THE  
MEETING. SINCE IT APPEARS MUCH OF THE INFORMATION  
YOU SEEK HAS ALREADY BEEN OBTAINED I WILL AWAIT YOUR  
COMMENT BEFORE PURSUING THIS SUBJECT ANY FURTHER. I  
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WILL OF COURSE BE GLAD TO DO SO IF YOU DEEM IT  
NECESSARY.  
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